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Lieutenant General  
Vernon A. Walters, USA  
Deputy Director, The  
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Dear Dick,

On behalf of Bill Schulz of the Digest, as much as for myself, I wish to thank you in this way for the lavish hospitality and even more the good company that you accorded to us both in your quarters.

It was a refreshing experience to sit down at a groaning board and be served by a young man from Wisconsin who doesn't jog, or make a fetish of fitness and humiliating the military, but who instead is quietly and devoutly determined to undermine just about every thing that other fellow from Wisconsin is preaching.

The stories were excellent. I am sure that a few sessions with you, on my return from Paris and London, will provide the material I need. One can never be sure, of course, about editors, but there's a lamentable absence of fun and surprise in reporting these days, and your dealings with people ~~xxxxx~~ are, to coin a phrase, replete with both.

I'm do back from Europe about the 13th November and I'll call. In the meantime, I'd appreciate your putting aside Xerox's of the pertinent passages from the hearings and the quips that have been attributed to you.

You have made an art out of living. There are few Generals that have ever managed that.

Warmly

*Charlie*

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NOTE: Charles Murphy, Readers' Digest,  
doing a story on General Walters for  
publication in RD. General seeing him  
again 15 January at 3:00 p.m. at his  
Quarters.

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